

## 1. Improvement Over Time

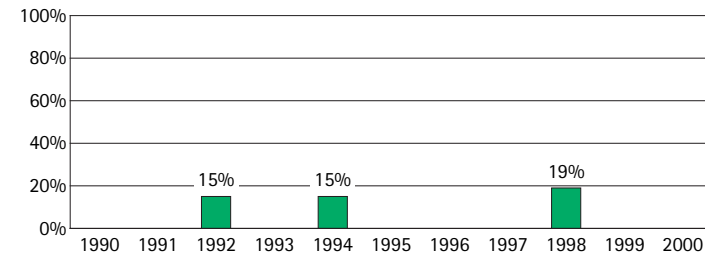


Have Louisiana's 4th graders improved in reading achievement?

*Yes. The percentage of Louisiana's public school 4th graders who met the Goals Panel's performance standard in reading increased from 15% in 1992, to 19% in 1998.*

*The Goals Panel has set its performance standard at the two highest levels of achievement – Proficient or Advanced – on the National Assessment of Educational Progress, or NAEP.*

Percentage of public school 4th graders at or above Proficient on the NAEP reading assessment



Reading performance will be tested again in 2002.

## 2. State Comparisons<sup>†</sup>

How did Louisiana compare with other states in 4th grade reading achievement in public schools in 1998?

**30 states had significantly higher<sup>1</sup> percentages of students who were at or above Proficient on NAEP:**

Connecticut	46%	Kentucky, Maryland, Missouri,	29%
New Hampshire	38%	New York, Texas, Washington,	
Massachusetts, Montana	37%	West Virginia	
Maine, Minnesota	36%	Michigan, North Carolina, Oregon,	28%
Iowa	35%	Utah	
Colorado, Kansas, Wisconsin	34%	Delaware, Tennessee	25%
Rhode Island	32%	Alabama, Georgia	24%
<b>U.S.*</b>	<b>31%</b>	Florida <sup>2</sup>	23%
Oklahoma, Virginia, Wyoming	30%		

**8 states had similar<sup>1</sup> percentages of students who were at or above Proficient on NAEP:**

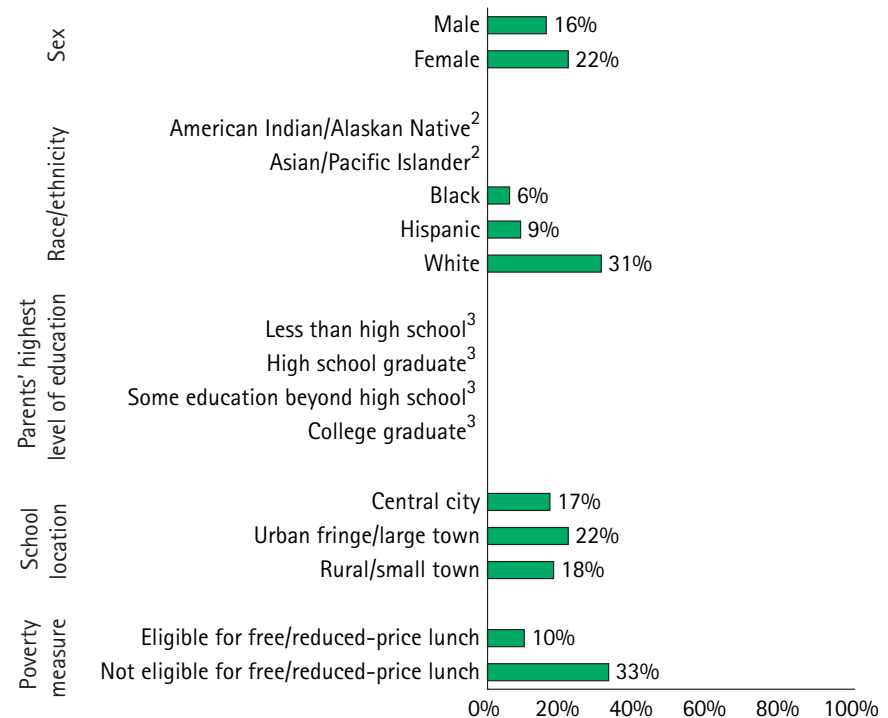
Arkansas <sup>2</sup>	23%	<b>Louisiana</b>	<b>19%</b>
Arizona, New Mexico, South Carolina	22%	Mississippi	18%
Nevada	21%	Hawaii	17%
California	20%		

**2 states had significantly lower<sup>1</sup> percentages of students who were at or above Proficient on NAEP:**

District of Columbia	10%	Virgin Islands	8%
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## 3. Subgroup Performance

What percentages of public school 4th graders in different subgroups<sup>1</sup> in Louisiana were at or above Proficient on the 1998 NAEP reading assessment?



<sup>†</sup> The term "state" is used to refer to the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the territories.

<sup>1</sup> See explanation on pp. 2-3.

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<sup>2</sup> Characteristics of the sample do not permit a reliable estimate.

<sup>3</sup> No data reported for 4th graders by parents' highest level of education in 1998.

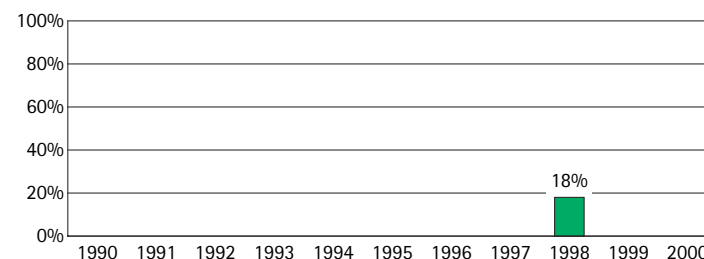
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Have Louisiana's 8th graders improved in reading achievement?

*In 1998, 18% of Louisiana's public school 8th graders met the Goals Panel's performance standard in reading. Improvement over time will be reported when reading is assessed again in 2002.*

*The Goals Panel has set its performance standard at the two highest levels of achievement – Proficient or Advanced – on the National Assessment of Educational Progress, or NAEP.*

Percentage of public school 8th graders at or above Proficient on the NAEP reading assessment



Reading performance will be tested again in 2002.

## 2. State Comparisons<sup>†</sup>

How did Louisiana compare with other states in 8th grade reading achievement in public schools in 1998?

**31 states had significantly higher<sup>1</sup> percentages of students who were at or above Proficient on NAEP:**

Connecticut, Maine	42%	Kentucky, Missouri, Oklahoma,	29%
Montana	38%	Wyoming	
Minnesota	37%	Arizona, Texas	28%
Massachusetts	36%	West Virginia	27%
Kansas	35%	Tennessee	26%
New York	34%	Delaware, Georgia	25%
<b>U.S.*</b> Oregon, Virginia, Wisconsin	<b>33%</b>	Nevada, New Mexico	24%
Washington	32%	Arkansas, Florida	23%
Maryland, North Carolina, Utah	31%	South Carolina <sup>2</sup>	22%
Colorado, Rhode Island	30%		

**4 states had similar<sup>1</sup> percentages of students who were at or above Proficient on NAEP:**

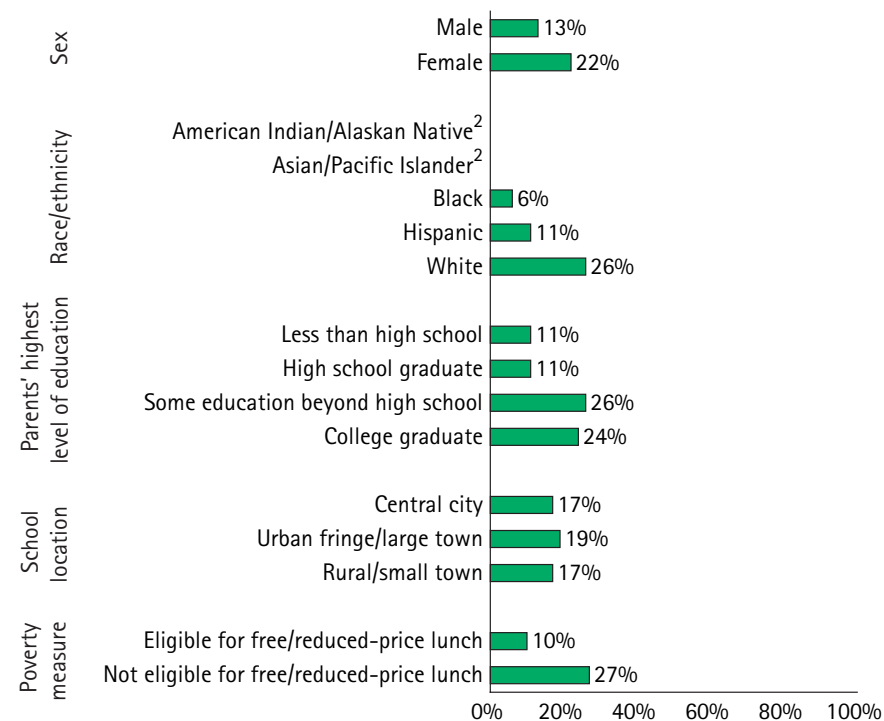
California <sup>2</sup>	22%	Hawaii, Mississippi	19%
Alabama	21%	<b>Louisiana</b>	<b>18%</b>

**2 states had significantly lower<sup>1</sup> percentages of students who were at or above Proficient on NAEP:**

District of Columbia	12%	Virgin Islands	10%
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